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LB 548, 722
LR 269-270

CLERK: Mr. President, before we proceed to the next amendment I have new study resolutions by Senator Schmit. Both of those will be referred to the Board. (LR 269-270.)

Senator Landis would like to print amendments to 548 in the Journal, Mr. President. (See page 2317 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Very well.

CLERK: Mr. President, the...Senator Jacklyn Smith would move to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) Keep the conversational level down, please. (Gavel.) The Chair recognizes Senator Jacklyn Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Speaker, members, I'd like to start off by saying that I'm not really feeling up to par, I'm not in my best fighting form this morning. So I beg your tolerance in allowing me to read part of my statement as I go along here. Did you address...did the Clerk give them the page number in the Journal, of the amendment?

CLERK: It's 2073, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. I would refer you to page 2073 in the Journal regarding the amendment to LB 722.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Go ahead, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: I'm rising today to address an issue that will affect the health and the well-being of many Nebraskans in many counties across the State of Nebraska. As you know, from the information that I've been distributing to you on the floor in the past days, the Department of Public Institutions is moving forward with the decision to close down an integral part of the alcohol treatment unit at the Hastings Regional Center. According to information available from the Department of Institutions, during fiscal year '83 and '84, 202 patients from 41 Nebraska counties were served by the alcohol detoxification facility at the regional center. I'm having passed out now, and I'm sorry this came up pretty fast, and the information isn't out yet, but there will be four handouts for you. I'd like to have you look at Exhibit C, which is a map of Nebraska.